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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A notebook computer with an extended keyboard base and widened display. The extended keyboard base region adjacent to the keyboard has a recessed area which contains a universal I/O connector. The recessed area is designed to fit a set of I/O devices which are designed to electrically connect to the universal I/O connector. When a I/O device is plugged into the universal I/O connector, it may be automatically sensed by circuitry internal to the notebook computer and software drivers are loaded that enables the particular I/O device to be used. The widened display gives added display capability wherein multiple pages of a document may be placed side by side for editing or viewing. I/O devices include, but are not limited to, a numeric keypad, a trackpad/digitizer, a track pad with integrated display, a WorkPad, a digital camera pad, a MP3Pad, a Fingerprint sensor, Control Pad, a PhonePad, a Cellular Pad, and a SmartCard reader/recorder.